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IDEAL JANUARY WEATHER.

On reading yesterday's reports from the east announcing the coldest weather experienced in seventeen years one cannot but be thankful that his lot is cast under the sunny skies of Nevada. This is one consolation the desert dwellers enjoy. Millions of dollars in the north and east cannot compensate for the gloomy storm visitation or supply the glorious sunshine which pervades every nook and cranny of Tonopah and surrounding country. Where influenza and pneumonia ravage the cities and villages of the eastern country, the cause may be traced directly to the damp, cold fogs, smogging mercury and the absence of those active rays of solar heat that have no substitute. It is a notorious fact that the greatest physical depression is traceable to low vitality which leaves the human system open to the attack of disease while forming an excellent incubator for the germs and bacteria that cannot thrive in the brightness of Nevada sunshine. To the citizens of Tonopah it is appalling to contemplate thermometer readings that take the mercury down to 40 and 40 below and fill the heart with sorrow for the poor creatures who have to resign themselves to months of such experience.

Compare this with the local weather, which is of the brand that grows but the desert can furnish, and be thankful that your lot is cast in a region where there is rarely cause for grieving over atmospheric disturbances. The January readings of the United States bureau in Tonopah are gathering into themselves a record breaking achievement that promises to disclose by the end of the week the extraordinary fact that Tonopah never has had such delicious weather during the first month of the year. At no time has the record disclosed any readings approximating those which are carried by the west-front central points in Vermont, Massachusetts and New York for the average of January weather stands around 25 degrees above the zero mark. While the population of Tonopah and the whole of southern Nevada has been revelling in temperatures seldom sinking below freezing with a maximum of 65 and 70 degrees for days at a stretch, a summary of the reports for the entire month will probably show the warmest January on record. Colder weather would be appreciated by the stockmen and farmers, but in this quarter, where much of the ground is not tillable, it may be said with pride that an absence of the storm elements are not regretted by the mining camps which are enabled to conduct development and preliminary top work with the least possible handicap. This is an important factor in the silver development which should bear substantial fruit by May and June. Mild weather enables miners to get the best out of their investment without having to suffer loss of time due to the presence of storms blocking roads, impeding travel and preventing outdoor employment. Tonopah should form a partnership with the weather man and commercialize the readings by giving them wide publicity. Ninety per cent of sunshine, absence of rain and snow are elements that should appear more frequently in promotion advertising for Nevada, thank God, still is the land of sunshine and the home of optimism.

KEEPING EUROPE ALIVE.

According to reports from Europe, every petty nation springing from the womb of war is looking to America for a supporting hand. In this respect the young nations and swaddling republics engendered by Wilson's self determination policy, aim to begin business by spending all surplus wealth for armies and munitions to resist the aggression of more powerful neighbors. Instead of sending these people back to the farm where they would be of more service to themselves and their country, the new leaders are directing their countrymen and women into the shambles of desolation and destructiveness. To perpetuate this agonizing condition the United States is urged to appropriate \$150,000,000 for food relief. Republican leader Mondell touches a vital point when he declared on the floor of the house the other day that "We should think long and carefully before we take the money of the people of the United States to provide funds for the people of Europe." The republican leader made it plain that he thought the suffering of the people of Austria was due largely to the action of France in insisting on the peace conference on the complete dismemberment of Austria. By segregating Hungary the land of the former Hapsburgs is deprived of its granary and left without means of support. Great Britain is not doing her share of shouldering the burden where her statesmen find it more expedient to appropriate \$750,000,000 for building airplanes than to pay interest on her debt to the United States. This country, richer than the dreams of Midas, cannot afford to spend more than one-tenth of the British appropriation for air service. The majority in congress is busy with schemes of attachment to lighten the burden on American taxpayers while the majority, backed by the chief executive of this country, is busy devising projects for sending more money to the bankrupt powers of Europe which excites no disposition to meet even the interest obligation without considering liquidation of the principal. Britain is ready to export foodstuffs by thousands of tons. Romania is recovering her grip on herself and its people are husbanding their farm resources with the thought of selling their surplus crops.

Goalightly is an employe of the Nevada highway commission whose name suggests that he might have had something to do with building that stretch of road from Tonopah to McKinney's Tanks.

Colonel Bryan is a little too adipose to be characterized as "the chicken at the feast," but he undoubtedly did turn the cranks at that democratic Jackson day dinner into "baked meats for the funeral."

Maybe the way to get out of the railroad mess would be to appropriate outright a lump sum to the railroads to compensate them for the damage done to them under political management. But how are the people to be compensated for the increased cost and decreased efficiency of the service?

Attorney General Mitchell Palmer says that about all the republicans have done is to "investigate our victories." The phrase "our victories" would come with better grace from someone who was in the war. The people are under the impression that the victories in the war were won by the fighting men on the battle lines, not by the politicians who wasted the money and monopolized the spot-light at Washington.

Five American built steamships disabled in a single storm off the North Atlantic coast is the record of Monday's marine reports. Two of these had their propellers carried away and one reported its steering gear disabled. Three of the vessels were built on the Pacific coast, which gives color to rumors of graft and incompetence in the shipyards where it is said a billion dollars was wasted in helping deserving democrats to keep out of war dodging the draft.

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